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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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RE: Act 62 Independent Evaluator
Docket No. 2019-184-E, 2019-185-E and 2019-186-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This letter is filed by the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") in response to the Public Service Commission's ("Commission") request for comments and feedback on the Act 62 Avoided Cost independent evaluator interviews conducted by the Commission.

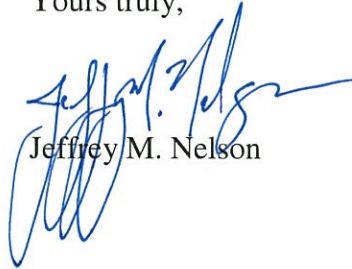
Although ORS does not have any specific comments or recommendations regarding the candidates or their interviews, we would like to take this opportunity to comment on the process.

Specifically, ORS is appreciative of the timeliness and deliberation shown by the Commission when the conflicts with its selected expert were identified. In response, the Commission initiated a process that provided for open and transparent interviews and allowed for feedback and input from interested parties. The Commission's invitation for candidate questions and feedback and the livestream of the candidate interviews contributed to a full vetting process for every candidate. Finally, ORS commends the Commission for the diligent process by which each candidate was reviewed for potential conflicts of interest. These steps will ensure the independence of the evaluator chosen by the Commission.

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Thank you for providing ORS and other parties to comment on this process

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey M. Nelson', is written over the printed name.

Jeffrey M. Nelson

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